

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVICES – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Smt. Cheruku Rani worked as Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury Office, Vijayawada (West), Vijayawada – Trapped on 19.06.2013 – Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded – Orders Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.3

Dated:06-01-2015

Read the

following:

Ref:- RC.No.180/RCT-VKI/2013-S.9, dated.15.09.2014

ORDER

WHEREAS, Smt. Cheruku Rani, worked as Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury Office, Vijayawada (West), Vijayawada from 20.05.2013 to 19.06.2013 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under Section 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth, Junior Assistant, T.A. Clerk, Office of the Superintendent of Railway Police, Vijayawada.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth is the resident of Vijayawada city and working as Junior Assistant in TA Section of Government Railway Police, Vijayawada and looking after the work of TA bills of Government Railway Police Staff, Vijayawada. On 12.06.2013, he processed the TA bills of Government Railway Police Staff for the Month of April, 2013 and forwarded the same to the District Treasury Office through their cash assistant Sri Md. S.Khan. He got a call from Smt. A.Bhagyasri, Senior Accountant, Office of the District Treasury Office, Vijayawada West, Vijayawada through cash assistant Sri Md. Khan. On 13.06.2013, Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth along with the cash assistant went to the Treasury Office and met Smt. A.Bhagyasri, then, Smt. A.Bhagyasri demanded 5% of the total TA Bills, amounting to Rs.6.72 Lakhs. As Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth is new to the Treasury Office work, questioned her about the percentage. Then Smt. A.Bhagyasri explained in detail that he has to pay the bribe amount of Rs.33,500/- (i.e., 5% of the total amount). On 18.06.2013 at about 11.30 hours, he went to the District Treasury Office and met Smt. Cheruku Rani and requested for sanction of TA bills, on that she demanded the bribe amount as earlier demanded by Smt. A.Bhagyasri. On his repeated requests, Smt. Cheruku Rani reduced the bribe amount from Rs.33,500/- to 20,000/-. He approached Sri Ram Kumar, Inspector, Railways and informed about the demand of bribe by Smt. Cheruku Rani and on the instructions of his Inspector, he came to the ACB office and submitted a written report to the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range against Smt. Cheruku Rani and Smt. A.Bhagyasri who after observing procedural formalities, registered a case in Cr.No.27/RCT-VJA/2013 on 19.06.2013 and submitted FIR to the concerned.

4. AND WHEREAS, After completion of the pre trap proceedings, the trap party left to the office of Smt. Cheruku Rani on 19.06.2013 at 16.40 hours where Smt. Cheruku Rani was successfully trapped when she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- from Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth. The chemical test conducted on the fingers of both the hands of Smt. Cheruku Rani yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information furnished by Smt. Cheruku Rani, the tainted amount of Rs.20,000/- was found from the right side upper table drawer of Smt. Cheruku Rani. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the Serial Nos. of the currency notes handed over by Sri Palagani Jaya Lakshmi Kanth during

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pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the paper with cotton swab of the right side upper table drawer of Smt. Cheruku Rani was also yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount, paper along with cotton swab, resultant solutions relevant records and examined the witnesses. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Smt. Cheruku Rani, formerly Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury, Vijayawada (West), Vijayawada constitute offences punishable U/s. 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 34 IPC.

6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Smt. Cheruku Rani, formerly Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury Office, Vijayawada (West), Vijayawada from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator Reports, Statement of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Smt. Cheruku Rani and final investigation report of DG, ACB etc.) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Smt. Cheruku Rani, formerly Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury Office, Vijayawada (West) should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and section 197 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Smt. Cheruku Rani, formerly Sub-Treasury Officer, C-Section, Office of the District Treasury, Vijayawada (West) for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section (13) read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) Sec.34 IPC and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**L.PREMACHANDRA REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP) (FAC)**

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.